

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 70 without my signature.

I support the goal to increase the use of biodiesel fuels, but this bill is a piecemeal approach to transportation fuels standards.

Pursuant to AB 1007 (Chapter 371, Statutes of 2005), the California Energy Commission, in partnership with the Air Resources Board, will shortly release the State Alternative Fuels Plan to increase the use of alternative transportation fuels in California. This effort will identify the most effective strategies for the State to use to increase the level of alternative fuel use in the California market. Until the AB 1007 report's findings are known and reviewed, I believe it is at best premature to consider this measure at this time.

Finally, this bill only encourages the use of biodiesel blend fuels in school and transit buses, excluding renewable diesel fuels which are potentially higher quality than biodiesel and which could greatly expand the supply of attractive diesel fuels.

For these above reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger